

Muslims in the Agricultural Department.

55. * **Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib**: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(a) the number of Muslims drawing Rs. 20 and above per mensem in the Agricultural Department; and

(b) the total number of Muslims in that department in any grade of service?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (a) Nil.

(b) Three.

Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib: May I know the pay of these three people?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Rs. 9 to 11.

Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib: May I know when they were entertained?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: One in 1082 M. E.; one in 1103 and the third in 1106.

Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib: May I know whether they are permanent hands?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Two are permanent and one is temporary.

Adoption of labour-saving devices for cultivation.

56. * **Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar (Nominated)**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have received any representations concerning the difficulties of the agriculturists in the matter of securing labour and suggesting the desirability of labour-saving devices being adopted; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

* **Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar**: (a) Yes.

(b) Rules regarding the grant of loans to agriculturists for the purchase of agricultural implements and labour saving machinery, etc., are under the consideration of Government.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know whether the Director of Agriculture has entered into correspondence with any firm in regard to the getting down of labour-saving devices?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Yes, Sir.

Qualifications of the Director of Industries.

57. * **Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the present Director of Industries has got any special qualification in painting, carpentry, smithery or textiles?